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SUBJECT:CCD: SEISMIC EXPERTS STUDY

1. DURING JULY 20 MEETING WITH ACDA/MA ON ANOTHER MATTER,
NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY OFFICER (LARKINDALE) SAID HE WAS IN-
STRUCTED TO ASK A QUESTION REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL SEIS-
MIC DATA CENTERS THAT MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED AS THE RESULT OF
THE WORK BY THE AD HOC GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO CON-
SIDER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO DETECT AND TO
IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS (WHICH IS MEETING UNDER CCD AUS-
PICES). LARKINDALE NOTED THAT US AND NEW ZEALAND VIEWS
DIFFER ON THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA
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CENTERS, WITH THE US PREFERRING THAT SUCH CENTERS ESSENTIAL-
LY BE LIMITED TO DISTRIBUTING DATA WHILE NEW ZEALAND WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE THE CENTERS INTERPRET THE DATA AS WELL. LARK-
INDALE SAID THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK IF THE USG MIGHT
BE WILLING TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE OTHER INFORMATION
THAT IT MIGHT HAVE ON POSSIBLE EVENTS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
DATA CENTERS DO NOT DETECT.

2. ACDA/MA OFFICER RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER SUCH A COMMITMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP SINCE THE INTERNATIONAL DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM ITSELF HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY DEFINED. IT WAS ALSO NOTED

THAT SUCH A COMMITMENT COULD INVOLVE SENSITIVE INFORMATION. BEFORE PURSUING THIS ISSUE PUBLICLY, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPANT IN THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN GENEVA FROM JULY 25 THROUGH AUGUST 5, MEET WITH THE US EXPERTS IN PRIVATE. VANCE

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